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STUDENT WORKERS AT B. I.

Beth Israel's Housekeeping Department is helping send at least three people through college this year. Melford Mesquitta, John Blomstedt and Donald Magnuson, all of the night cleaning staff and familiar to relief-shift staffers of BI, are also full-time students at nearby Gordon College. Since their work at BI begins at four in the afternoon, they have time for classes in the morning and early afternoon before coming to work.

The oldest of the Gordon students is Melford Mesquitta, Melford was born and educated in Kingston, Jamaica, and speaks in the soft, precise British flavored accent of the people. In 1947, he entered the United States and registered as a student at the Divinity School of Lincoln University in Jacksonville, Florida.

After a year of study, Melford decided to visit Gordon College, toward which he had aimed in the first place, and after a talk with the officials came here. At present he is a sophomore in the undergraduate school, taking his A.B. in Psychology.

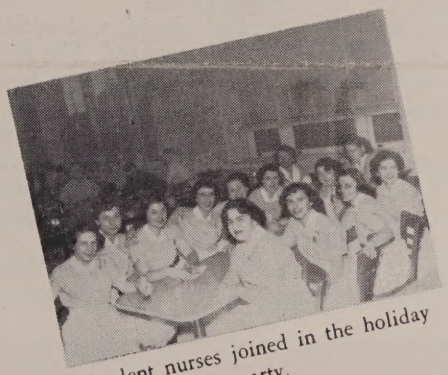
John Blumstedt is 21, and a Junior at Gordon. He was born in Rumford, Rhode Island, and educated in Classical High School of Providence, studying Latin, German, Spanish and French. Like Melford, he came originally with the idea of studying Theology, but his A.B. will be in English.

Donald Magnuson is 18 and from Nashua, New Hampshire. He went to the public schools there, and is a freshman at Gordon, and hasn't yet decided definitely upon a field of concentration at Gordon.

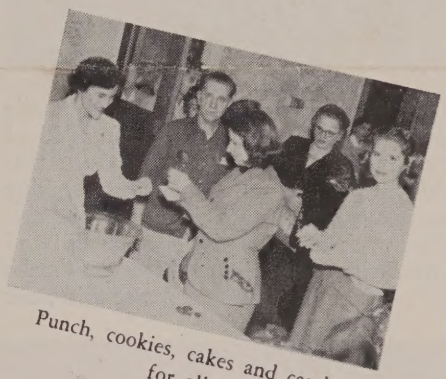
Why do they work at BI? The answers are interesting and pleasing to all of us. The answer seems to be that they all like Beth Israel. The people are pleasant. Everyone's helpful. John thinks that the girls are very pretty—which we've always thought, of course.

Melford summed it up this way. "I can study if I'm through with my work early. The hospital is close to my dormitory at Gordon. But most of all, I like the people; they are so pleasant. They say 'Hello' when they walk by, and they smile."

Happy Holiday!



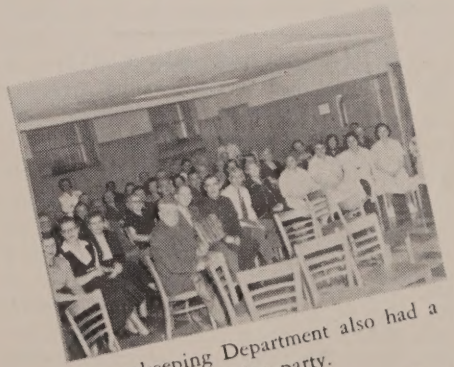
Student nurses joined in the holiday party.



Punch, cookies, cakes and candy for all.

Dietitians' party quartette — left to right: Colleen O'Neill, Ethel Trice, Roberta Cutting, Jean D'Aignault.

Music at the "open house" by Maestro Sam Ruth.



Housekeeping Department also had a holiday party.

PERSONALITIES . . .

MABEL JOSSELYN

Mabel joined the Beth Israel family back in July, 1936, when she was hired as an operating room aide. From that date to the present she has been making our many operating room equipment kits. This work requires considerable skill and knowledge concerning the correct "make up". Mabel is a past master at this work and has the enviable reputation of never leaving her job until all the work has been finished. She has seen many changes since 1936—one of the most important was the change to the new, roomy, air-conditioned Central Supply Room, which was opened in March 1950.

Although Mrs. Josselyn is the proud mother of four, and grandmother of seven, she continues to be one of our most dependable, reliable and efficient workers. She is liked and respected by all who work with her.

The hospital extends thanks to Mabel for her past years of faithful service and wishes her the best of luck for the years to come.

THE RECORD SHOWS

The most overworked person in the hospital these past few months, according to some people, has been Dan Cupid. If not the busiest, at least among the busiest according to the statistics below:

Weddings

LOIS M. SHAKTMAN, Personnel Office secretary, to Lawrence J. Stern, on November 18th.

BERNICE KLEINBERG, EKG Technician, to David Stockman, on December 16th.

RUTH FOX, Secretary to Dr. Blumgart, Medical Research, to Mr. Wallace Chreisman.

ETHEL SMOFSKY, Nursing, to DR. RICHARD PORTIS, Assistant Resident in Medicine, on December 16th.

Engagements

ADRIANNE RICLES, dietitian, traveled the furthest to become engaged. She flew to California in October and came back engaged to Mr. Irving Safies.

PATRICIA JOYCE, Food Supervisor, became engaged on Thanksgiving to Bert Darling of the Air Force. Bert is now on his way to Korea. We all wish him a safe and speedy return.

BARBARA BARRON, Personnel Office, chose Christmas eve to become engaged to DR. ALBERT SCHILLING, Assitant Resident in Medicine.

DR. MARY SILVERMAN, Assistant Resident, and DR. HERBERT RAVIN, Surgical Research, became engaged New Year's day. A February wedding is planned.

SAM RUTH, Administrative Assistant, has been walking around in a cloud since his recent engagement to NANCY DINE, Social Service secretary.

Births

To DR. AND MRS. STANLEY JACOBS their first child, a son, Stephen; to DR. AND MRS. EDWARD MEILMAN, a son, Henry, their second child.

DR. SIDNEY GELLIS, Chief of the Pediatrics Department, has recently been made editor of the "Year Book of Pediatrics."

We are happy to report that SOPHIA, "SONNY" LEWIS of the Admitting Office is improving steadily. Sonny has been a patient for over a month at the Children's Hospital.

NUVART BOGHOSIAN, Dr. Wilinsky's secretary, sang the soprano role in the *Messiah* given by the Arlington Philharmonic Society.

NURSES NOTES

We are glad to welcome Mrs. Mary Sims as Supervisor of the Nurses' Residence. She has already made a place for herself in the Beth Israel Family. Her area has been a busy one during the holiday season, beginning with the annual faculty party on December 17th. This was followed by Mrs. Sims' tea for her personnel on the next day.

The Nursing Department has had some changes in personnel. Miss Thelma Raphael, who was Supervisor in charge of ancillary help, left us to be married, and was replaced by Miss Eunice Feiger, former head nurse on the emergency ward. Miss Jennie Helstowski, who was Miss Feiger's assistant on the emergency ward, is now head nurse, with Miss Esther Garber as her assistant. Miss Edith Levine, formerly an evening supervisor, has replaced Miss Ina Broad on 6 North. Mrs. Phyllis Weller is coming on evening duty as supervisor temporarily.

Among the many engagements announced are Miss Ann Glazer to Dr. Monte Malach, our Medical Resident, and Miss Evelyn Boches to Dr. Richard Thurm, Assistant Resident in Pathology here last year, who is now at the Montefiore Hospital in New York. Joyce Pickford, Dolores Marks, Harriet Shapiro, Doris Cochrane and Rona Groman have also "named the day." Shirley Schwartz on 4S plans to be married early in February. Dr. Richard Portis seems to be spending a lot of time on 4C these days. I don't believe we have to look any farther to find the reason when we realize the assistant head nurse on that floor — the former Ethel Smofsky — is now Mrs. Richard Portis.

The Nurses' Alumnae Association is holding an all-day Institute in February.

PSYCHIATRY DEPARTMENT

Two recent projects of the Department of Psychiatry, namely: "Preventive Psychiatry in a General Hospital" and" Psychiatric and Psychosomatic Conditions in Former Concentration Camp Inmates" were published in the recent bulletin of the World Federation for Mental Health which served as a background for some of the work groups of the recent Congress of the World Federation for Mental Health in Mexico City December 11th-19th, 1951.

Dr. Bibring was honored by the Mexican Government by the award of a medal and diploma.

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41	83	114	217

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VOLUNTEER NEWS

Beth Israel salutes our newest branch of Volunteer Service, the Patients' Service Corps. This group of thirty-five women, who in groups of eight relieve our hard-working nurses aides and helpers, transport patients to and from x-ray, the Yamins Research Building and Out Patient Clinics. They also perform many miscellaneous errands to and from the laboratories, pharmacy, etc. By actual count, the Patients' Service Corps makes as many as 50 to 75 trips a day throughout the hospital — many miles and many steps have thus been saved to give our patients even better service.

Volunteer Service has adopted a new and attractive aqua colored uniform in order that all volunteers will be recognized throughout the hospital.

There is an urgent need for volunteer nurses' aides at Beth Israel. Any women willing to learn and between the ages of 18 and 45 are welcome and will be trained at Beth Israel Hospital. Anyone with a pair of willing hands and a sympathetic and understanding nature is qualified for this course. Please contact Mrs. Edward Sugarman, Director of Volunteer Service. WE NEED YOU.

Janina Iwanska with Social Worker, Mrs. Phillips

Recently Janina Iwanska, the young lady pictured above, came from Paris to the B.I. for medical treatment. Her story is one of great personal bravery in the face of overwhelming odds. As a member of the underground in Poland, she risked her life to protect her country from the Nazis. Later she was captured and sent off to a concentration camp. She became one of a group of prisoners used as "medical guinea pigs" and was injected with poisonous serum. Very fortunately she lived — as many others died as a result of these experiments. Today smiling, happy and in good spirits, she is steadily improving. We salute Janina Iwanska for her past courage and her present battle for total recovery.

HOW MANY DOES IT TAKE?

On pages 2 and 3 of this issue of the paper, a line has been drawn to represent the more than 800 employees of the hospital. Where are all these employees used? Each large group, in turn, is shown as a part of this scale. It *does* take a great many employees to staff properly a modern general hospital designed to care for acutely ill patients. Many factors require the use of large numbers of employees. Basically it is the attempt to give the best possible care to our patients, but other things such as the fact that Beth Israel is a teaching hospital and actively engaged in various research programs add to personnel requirements. Recent years have brought many changes vitally effecting this picture — shorter work week for hospital personnel, more complicated patient services, a great increase in the use of diagnostic services such as laboratories and x-ray plus the fact that there is a shorter average patient stay in the hospital with a resulting increase in the number of patients served.

In these days of high costs the help of every single employee is needed to assist in a program of economy. Practical suggestions are needed to lessen costs.

Lab. & Pharm.	Housekeeping	Dietary	Laundry	Maint.	Med. & Surg.
49	74	124	23	51	95

HOSPITAL EXTENDS BLUE CROSS COVERAGE TO EMPLOYEES

Effective as of September 25, 1951, all permanent full-time employees of the hospital who had been employed a minimum of three months were given free Blue Cross hospitalization coverage by the Beth Israel Hospital. This insurance, paid entirely by the hospital, entitles employees to board and room benefits of $10.00 per day plus payment of most extra charges. Employees covered by this insurance may be hospitalized at Beth Israel at no personal expense. This coverage may also be used in any other Blue Cross member hospital in the United States and in certain foreign countries. All employees are urged to use this opportunity to insure not only themselves but also their families in the event of hospitalization by enrolling in the Beth Israel Hospital group. Also, Blue Shield benefits — payment for doctor's fees — may be purchased through the group. More than 350 employees have bought this inexpensive Blue Shield (90 cents per month for single person) insurance already. For further details or questions call the Personnel Office.

SOCIAL SERVICE NEWS

Each fall our staff is augmented by the social work students who come to us for their field work training. This year we are welcoming Miss Ruth Shure, Mrs. Katherine Baldwin, and Miss Dorothy Spivey of Simmons College School of Social Work as well as Miss Vivian Blundell and Miss Joan Hummel of Boston University School of Social Work.

In November, many members of our staff attended sessions of the Massachusetts Conference of Social Work during which time Miss Alexander and Miss Edinburg participated in an all day institute.

By the time this issue is in print, Golda Edinburg of our staff will have left to accept a position as Head Psychiatric Social Worker at the Chelsea Naval Hospital. She will be missed by her innumerable friends who we are sure join us in wishing her the very best of luck.

DIETARY NOTES

We wonder how many of you who are not members of departments whose services are required practically around the clock realize the kind of people who render this service. At this writing, we speak of the Dietary Department. All creeds, color and nationality work side by side each day producing and serving some 70,000 meals a month. There is little opportunity in this group to fraternize. Each individual has his world outside the hospital which we each know only through word of mouth. However, each year as the holiday season approaches, the cohesion of this group is felt in the desire to share something of this holiday spirit — so, we in our department had a party with entertainment, supplied by members of the department. We all were amazed at the amount of talent our fellow workers possess and enjoyed it thoroughly. Another indication of the spirit of this group is the thoughtfulness and generosity of those who worked long unrelieved hours on Christmas day in order that everyone who could possibly be spared be home with his family.

Hardly a day passes without some display of consideration and kindness on the part of our employees.

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

"Kick-off" for the New Year: Over 600 Auxiliary members attended the New Year meeting at the Hotel Somerset on January 7th. This was preceded by a morning meeting for Hostesses marking the "kick-off" for the Annual Luncheon.

At a "petite" luncheon and reception to new members, Mrs. Sidney R. Rabb, President, welcomed the large group and presented plans for the exciting new year ahead. Mrs. Ferdinand H. Hoffman and Mrs. Sidney J. Simons, co-chairmen of the intensive membership campaign, proudly announced that almost 1,000 new members had been enrolled since November 15, 1951, an unprecedented record. Mrs. Edward Sugarman, Director of Volunteer Service, made a plea for Nurses' Aides and announced that new classes are being formed regularly.

Plans for the Annual Luncheon to be held at the Hotel Bradford on April 22, 23, 24, were presented by Mrs. Samuel M. Langer, Luncheon chairman. An original musical revue entitled *"At Your Service"* and highlighting the work of the hospital volunteers will be the featured program. All members of the Senior and Junior Auxiliaries and members of the hospital staff are welcome to participate in the try-outs. Anyone interested may call Mrs. Joseph Levy, Chairman of Production, at CO 6-0990, or the Auxiliary office.

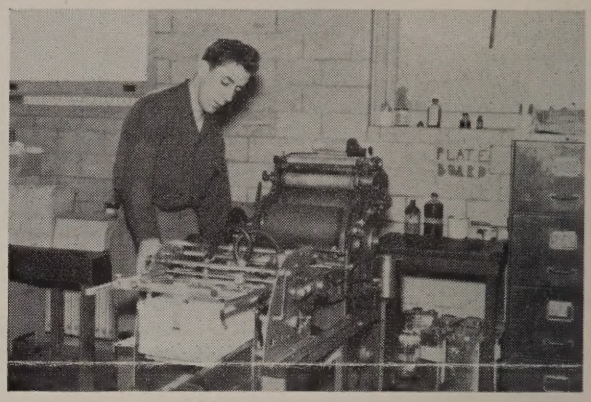
Mrs. Rabb gave a resume of the recommendation of the Health Planning Board, and introduced Mrs. Mark Burston, who told in glowing terms how the implementation of the plan is benefitting the residents of the Home for the Aged.

The program of the afternoon was thrilling. Dr. Jacob Fine, Surgeon- in-Chief and Director of Surgical Research at Beth Israel, discussed Beth Israel Hospital's interest in medicine in Israel. He told of the many doctors who come to the Beth Israel Hospital from the State of Israel to study, to observe and to learn and go back to set up departments in hospitals there. He told of his experiences there last summer, and of the many doctors from the Beth Israel who go to Israel to teach. After Dr. Fine's inspiring talk, a short musical program of popular music, entitled "Vibrant Varieties" was presented by the well-known duo-pianists, Phil Saltman and Wright Briggs.

Happy New Year! Our good wishes for the New Year to the House Staff came in tangible form as gay holiday decorations, a phonograph and dance records which the Auxiliary furnished for their New Year's Eve party held in the Internes quarters.

A Busy Spot - Receiving and Stores

A busy place indeed!



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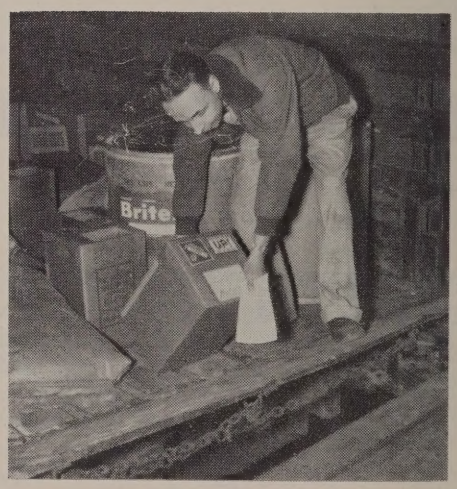
1500 different items.



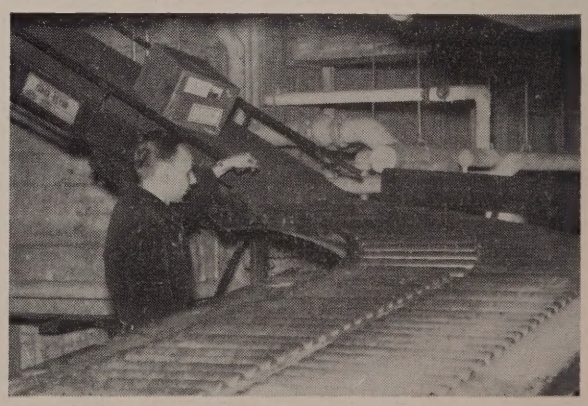
There are an average of 30 deliveries every day.

We issue:

545,000 units of various items per year.

We use:

3 *tons* of meat and 2 *tons* of poultry per month.



Items for the whole hospital arrive at the storeroom. *Four tons* of potatoes are used in a month!